THE REV. DR. TALMAGE PREACHES UPON THE WORTH OF RELIGION.

An Interesting and Eloquent Sermon from the Words of Solomon-"Wisdom Is Better Than Rubics"-The True Christian Spirit-Dr. Talmage's Audience.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 11 .- In the tabernacle this forenoon the Rev. Dr. Talmage the subject of his sermon being, "Rubies Surpassed." and the text. Proverbs

viii, 11, "Wisdom is better than rubies." You have all seen the precious stone commonly called the ruby. It is of deep red color. The bible makes much of it. It glowed in the first row of the high priest's breastplate. Under another

of drops of perspiration of the goddess God. Ge. The thunderstone was supposed to emerald was said to have been made of to have been born of the cry of an inof gases and liquids. To me the ruby

the setting sun mah, and sixty miles from its capital, and heaven rolling over the soul should where lives and reigns the ruler, called | sometimes be almost too much for the "Lord of the Rubies," under a careful | Christian to endure and live! governmental guard are these valuable brought forth with elaborate ceremony, brought to the king's palace.

he was wearing at the battle of Granddolph II of Austria inherited a ruby in upon the soul! with the victory of Henry V, as he wore

it into the battle of Agincourt. It is the pride of the Russian court to own the largest ruby of all the world, presented by Gustavus III to the Russtan empress. Wondrous ruby! It has electric characteristics, and there are lightnings compressed in its double sixsided prisms. What shall I call it? It as that worth more than anything one is frozen fire! It is petrified blood! In can have in a jeweled casket? Was not all the world there is only one thing more valuable, and my text makes the is better than rubies?" comparison, "Wisdom is better than rubies,"

Excellence of Religion.

But it is impossible to compare two things together unless there are some religion depends. While the emerald enece. I am glad there is nothing lacking here. The ruby is more beautiful in the ruby suggests the blood of sacrifice, the night and under the lamplight than The most emphatic and startling of all by day. It is preferred for evening adornment. How the rubies glow and burn and flash as the lights lift the darkness! Catherine of Aragon had on her finger a ruby that fairly lanterned

Sir John Mandeville, the celebrated traveler of 400 years ago, said that the emperor of China had a ruby that made the night as bright as the day. The probability is that Solomon, under some of the lamps that illumined his cedar palace by night, noticed the peculiar glow of the ruby as it looked in the hilt of a sword or hung in some fold of the upholstery or beautified the lip of some chalice, while he was thinking at the same time of the excellency of our holy religion as chiefly seen in the night of trouble, and he cries out, "Wisdom is better than rubies."

Oh, yes, it is a good thing to have re ligion while the sun of prosperity rides high and everything is brilliant in fortune, in health, in worldly favor. you can at such times hardly tell how much of it is natural exuberance and how much of it is the grace of God. But let the sun set and the shadows avalanche the plain and the thick darkness of sickness or poverty or persecution or mental exhaustion fill the soul and fill the house and fill the world; then you sit down by the lamp of God's word, and under its light the consolations of the gospel come out-the peace of God which passeth all understanding appears. You never fully appreciated their power until in the desp night of trouble the Divine Lamp revealed their exquisiteness, Pearls and amethysts for the day, but rubies for the night.

The Christian Spirit.

All of the books of the bible attempt in some way the assuagement of misfortune. Of the 150 psalms of David at least ninety allude to trouble. There are was originally proposed to call the president's residence at Washington, Palace" or "The Executive Mansion," but after it was destroyed in the war of 1814 and rebuilt it was painted white to cover up the marks of the smoke and fire that had blackened the stone walls. Hence it was called "The White House," Most of the things now white with attractiveness were once black with disas-

What the world most needs is the consolatory, and here it comes, our holy in Daniel's time to stop mouths leonine; as in Shadrack's time to cool blast furnaces; as in Ezekiel's time to console captivity; as in St. John's time to unroll an apocalypse over rocky desolations. Hear its soothing voice as it declares: which we can be saved." "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." "The tiful imitations of that ruby, but only mountains shall depart and the hills be one ruby. Christ had no descendant, not depart from you." "Whom the nunger no more, neither thirst any more. the living fountains of water, and God lifted in all our souls! shall wipe away all tears from their

The most wholesome thing on earth is trouble if met in a Christian spirit. To by freebooters and pirates. To rid the make Paul what he was took shipwreck, and whipping on the bare back, and hero William Wallace fitted out a mer- ent places. An exchange gives the folpenitentiary, and pursuit of wild mobs, and the sword of decapitation. To make David what he was it took all that men and put out to sea. The pirates, Ahitophel and Saul and Absalom and with their flag inscribed of a death's Goliath and all the Philistine hosts could do against him. It took Robert Chambera's malformation of fect to make him the literary conqueror.

It was bereavement that brought William Haworth of Wesley's time from and put them in chains and then sailed wickedness to an evangelism that won many thousands for heaven. The world | And so our souls, assailed of sin and would never have known what heroic stuff Ridley was made of had not the fires been kindled around his feet, and not liking their slow work, he cried: "1 cannot burn! Let the fire come to me! I cannot burn!" Thank God that there are gems that unfold their best glories Fuch a rescue. under the lamplight! Thank God for the

The Hope of Heaven.

Moreover, I am sure that Solomon was

AT BROOKLYN TABERNACLE Religion will fetch solid happiness, and chrysolite for its waves of color, which the ruby will not. In all your observa- seem on fire. But this morning nothing SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. tion did you ever find a person thoroughly felicitated by an incrustment of jewels? As you know more of yourself than any one else, are you happier now with worldly adornments and successes there is no remission." Yea, Solomor than before you won them? Does the was right when in my text he said. picture that cost you hundreds or thousands of dollars on your wall bring you as much satisfaction as the engraving the wall when you first began to keep

surrounded by flattering guests, contain more of real bilss than the plain ware of your first table, at which sat only two? Does a wardrobe crowded preached to a crowded audience that faction than your first clothes closet filled the great building to overflowing. with its four or five pegs? Did not the plain ring set on the third finger of your left hand on the day of your betrothal give more gladness than the ruby that is now enthroned on the third finger of your right hand?

If in this journey of life we have learned anything, we have learned that this world neither with its emoluments nor gains can satisfy the soul. Why. here come as many witnesses as I wish name it stood in the wall of heaven. to call to the stand to testify that be-Jeremiah compares the ruddy cheek of | fore high heaven and the world, in comthe Nazarites to the ruby. Ezekiel panionship with Jesus Christ and a good hope of heaven, they feel a joy that all points it out in the robes of the king the resources of their vocabulary fall of Tyre. Four times does Solomon use to express. Sometimes it evidences itit as a symbol by which to extol wis- self into ejaculations of hosanna, somedom or religion, always settings its value | times in doxology, sometimes in tears. A converted native of India in a letter The world does not agree as to how said, "How I long for my bed, not that the precious stones were formed. The I may sleep—I lie awake often and long ancients thought that amber was made —but to hold sweet communion with my

If so mighty is worldly joy that Julius have dropped from a storm cloud. The | II, hearing his armies were triumphant, expired, and if Taiva, hearing that the the firefly. The lapis lazuli was thought | Roman senate had decreed him an honor, expired, and if Dionysius and dian giant. And modern minerologists | Sophocles, overcome of joy, expired, and say that the precious stones were made | if a shipwheeked pursor, waiting on the coast of Buines in want and starvation seems like a spark from the anvil of at the sight of a vessel bringing relief, fell dead from sinck of delight, is it any The home of the genuine ruby is Bur- surprise to you that the joys of pardon

An aged aunt said to me: "DeWitt, mines of ruby kept. Rarely has any three times I have fainted dead away foreigner visited them. When a ruby of | under too great Christian joy. It was in large value was discovered, it was all three cases at the holy communion." An eminent Christian man while in a procession was formed, and, with all- | prayer said: "Stop, Lord; I cannot bear bannered pomp, military guard and any more of this gladness; it is too much princely attendants, the gem was for mortal Withhold! Withhold! "We have heard of poor workmen or work-Of great value is the ruby, much more women getting a letter suddenly telling so than diamond, as ispideries and jew-elers will tell you. An expert on this and how they were almost beside themsubject writes, "A ruby of perfect color selves with glee, taking the first snip weighing five carats is worth at the to claim the estate. But, co, what it is present day ten times as much as a dismond of equal weight." It was a disas- ful life and through pardoning grace ter when Charles the Bold lost the ruby find that all our earthly existence will be divinely managed for our best welson. It was a great affluence when Ru- fare, and that then all heaven will roll the room-not the light of chandelier,

a diamond has no flash, and a pearl no light, and a beryl no aquamarine, and a ruby no ruddiness. My gracious Lord! Roll over on us a few billows of that rapture. And now I ask you, as fairminded men and women, accustomed to make comparisons, is not such a joy Solomon right when he said, "Wisdom

Life's Sperifices.

There is also something in the deep earmine of the ruby that suggests the sacrifice on which our whole system of suggests the meadows, and the sapphires the skies, and the spal the sea, colors hath the ruby. Bolomon, the author of my text, knew all about the sacrifice of lamb and dove on the altars of the temple, and he knew the meaning of sacrificial blood, and what other prefous stone could he so well use to sympolize it as the cuby? Red, intensely red, red as the blood of the greatest martyr of all time-Jesus of the centuries! Drive the story of the erucifixion out of the bible and the doctrine of the atonement out of our religion, and there would be nothing of Christianity left for

Why should it be hard to adopt the ible theory that our redemption was purchased by blood? What great bridge ever sprung its arches; what temple ever reared its towers; what nation ever chieved its independence; what mighty good was ever done without sacrifice of The great wonder of the worldthe bridge that unites these two citiescost the life of the first architect. Ask the shipyards of Glasgow and New York how many carpenters went down under ecidents before the steamer was launched. Ask the three great transconnental railroads how many in their enstruction were buried under crumling embankments, or crushed under timbers, or destroyed by the powder

Tabulate the statistics of how many nothers have been martyrs to the cradle d sick children. Tell us how many men acrificed nerve and muscle and brain and life in the effort to support their households. Tell us how many men in England, in France, in Germany, in Italy, in the United States, have died for their ountry. Vicarious suffering is as old as he world, but the most thrilling, the lost startling, the most stupendous sacifice of all time and eternity was on a biuff back of Jerusalem, when one being ook upon Himself the sins, the agonies, the perdition of a great multitude that no man can number, between 12 o'clock of a darkened noon and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, purchasing the ransom of a

reined world. Dive in all the seas, explore all the nines, crowbar all the mountains, view all the crowned jewels of all the emperors and find me any gem that can so verwhelmingly symbolize that martyrfem as the ruby. Mark you, there are many gems that are somewhat like the ruby. So is the cornelian, so is the garnet, so is the spinel, so is the balas, so the gems brought from among the religion, with both hands full of gravels of Ceylon and New South Wales, anodynes and sedatives and balsams, as but there is only one genuine ruby, and that comes from the mine of Rurmah And there is only one Christ, and He comes from heaven. One Redeemer, one Ransom, one Son of God, only "one name given under heaven among men by

Ten thousand times ten thousand beauremoved, but my loving kindness shall | Christ had no counterpart. In the lifted up grandeur and giory and love and Lord loveth he chasteneth." "They shall sympathy of His character He is the Incomparable, the Infinite One-"the only neither shall the sun light on them, nor | wise God, our Savior." Let all hearts, any heat, for the Lamb which is in the all homes, all times, all eternities bow midst of the throne shall lead them to, low before Him! Let His banner be

An Illustrating Contrast. In olden times Scotland was disturbed seas and ports of these desperadoes the chant vessel, but filled it with armed head, thinking they would get an easy prize, bore down upon the Scottish merchantman, when the armed men of Wallace boarded the craft of the pirates for port under the Scotch flag flying. death and hell, through Christ, are rescued, and the black flag of sin is torn down, and the striped flag of the cross is holsted. Blessed be God for any sign, for any signal, for any precious stone

I like the coral, for it seems the solidified foam of breakers, and I like the jasper, for it gathers seventeen colors What I suffered for years with those into its boson, and I like the jet, for it terrible racking sick headaches. Life compresses the shadows of many mid- was only a torment to me; if you are so right in saying that religion or wisdom nights, and I like the chrysoprase be- troubled, I would advise you to use Sulthat a thing is worth what it will fetch. small heaven of stars, and I like the Belle.

so impress me as the ruby, for it depicts, it typifies, it suggests "the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanseth from all "Without the shedding of blood

"Wisdom is better than rubles." To bring out a contrast that will libustrate my text I put before you two last that at the expense of \$5 was hung upon | earthly scenes. The one is in a reom with rubies, but no religion, and the other in a room with religion, but no Do all the cutlery and rare plate that rubles. You enter the first room, where glitter on your extension dining table, an affluent and worldly man is about to quit this life. There is a ruby on the mantel, possibly among the vases. There is a ruby in the hearddress of the queen-

On the finger of the dying man there is a cuby. The presence of these cubies implies opulence of all kinds. The pictures on the walls are heirlooms or the trephies of European travel. The curtains are from foreign looms. The rugs are from Damascus or Cairo. The sofas are stuffed with ease and quietude. The rocking chairs roll backward and forward on lullables. The pillows are exquisitely embroidered. All the appointments of the room are a peroration to a successful commercial or professional But the man has no religion, never has had and never professed to have There is not a bible or one religious book

The departing man feels that his earthly career is ended and nothing opens beyond. Where he will land stepping off from this life is a mystery, or whether will land at all, for it may be annihilation. He has no prayer to offer, and he does not know how to pray. No hope of meting again in another state of existence. He is through with this lite and is sure of no other. The ruby on the mantel and the ruby on the wasted finger of the departing one say nothing of the ransoming blood which they so mightily typify. So far as giving solace or illumination to a departing spirit they are a dead failure. Midnight of atter hopelessness drops on all the

An Idea of Heaven.

Another room of moral exit. Religion and no rubies. She never had money enough to buy one of these exquisites. Sometimes she stopped at a jeweler's show window and saw a row of them incarnadining the velvet. She had keen taste enough to appreciate those gems, but she never owned one of them. She was not jealous or unhappy because others had rubies while she had none But she had a richer treasure, and that was the grace of God that had comforted her along the way amid bereavements and temptations and persecutions and sicknesses and privations and trials of all sorts. Now she is going out of life The room is bright-not with pictures or statues, not with upholstery, not with any of the gems of mountain or of sea, but there is a strange and vivid glow in or star, or noonday sun, but something be but dust and ashes (verse 27), to plead from his sister, the queen dowager. It | Compared with that a spring morning that outshines all of them. It must be with the Lord to spare Sodom. While was thought to have had much to do is stupid, an August sunset is inane, and the presence of supernaturals. From her we wait for the coming of the Lord ated face I think she must hear sweet voices. Yea, she does hear sweet voices-voices of departed kindred, voices apostolic and prophetic and evangelic, but all of them overpowered by the voice of Christ, saying, "Come, ye blessed of my father, inherit the king-

From her illumined face I think she must hear rapturous music. Yea, she does hear rapturous music, now soft as solos, now thunderous as orchestras, now a saintly voice alone, now the hundred and forty and four thousand in concert. From her illumined face I think she must breathe redelence. Yea, she does inhale aroma from off the gardens whose flowers never wither, and from the blossoms of orchards every tree of which bears twelve manner of fruit From her illumined face I think the must see a glorious sight. Yes, she sees the wall that has jasper at the base, and amethyst at the top, and blood red rubies between. Good-bye, sweet soul! Why should you longer stay" Your work all done; your burdens all carried; your tears all wept! Forward into the light! Up into the joy! Out into the

And after you have saluted Christ and your kindred search out him of the palaces of Lebanon cedar and tell him that you have found to be gloriously true what thousands of years ago asserted in this morning's text, "Wisdom is better than rubles." In those burnished palaces of our God may we all meet, for I confess to you that my chief desire for heaven is not the radiance or to take the suggestion of the text-not the ubescene of the scene. My one idea of heaven is the place to meet old friends-God, our best friend, and our earthly friends already transported. Aye, to meet the millions whom I have never seen, but to whom I have administered n the gospel week by week through journalism on both sides of the sea, and

throughout Christendom, and through cany lands yet semi-barbaric For the last twenty-three years every blast of injustice against me has multi plied my readers all the world over, and the present malignancy printed and uttered because our church is in financial struggle after having two great strucures destroyed by fire and we compelled to build three large churches-I say the present outrageous injustice in some quarters will multiply my audience in all lands if I can keep in good humor and not fight back.

A Highty Audience.

A gentleman tapped me on the shoulder summer before last on a street of Edinburgh and said, "I live in the Shetland islands, north Scotland, and I read your sermons every Sabbath to an audience of neighbors, and my brother lives in Cape Town, and he reads them every Sabbath to an audience of his neighbors." And I here and now say to the 40,000,000 of the earth to whose eyes these words will come that one of my dearest anticipations is to meet them in heaven. Ah, that will be better than rubies!

Coming up from different continents, from different hemispheres, from opposite sides of the earth, to greet each other in holy love in the presence of the glorious Christ who made it possible for us to get there! Our sins all pardoned, our sorrows all banished, never to weep, never to part, never to die! I tell you that will be better than rubies. Others may have the crowns, and the throne, and the scepters. Give us our old friend back again, Christ, "the friend who sticketh closer than a brother," and all the kindred who have gone up from our bereft households, and all our friends whom we have never yet seen, and you may have all the rubles, for that will

be "better than rubies." Instead of the dying kiss when they looked so pale and wan and sick, it will be the kiss of welcome on lips jubilant with song, while standing on floors paved with what exquisiteness, under ceilings hang with what glory, bounded by walls facing us with what splendor, amid gladness rolling over us with what devology. Far better, infinitely better, everlasting-

ly better than rubies! Where the Capital Has Been.

The capital of the United States has been situated at different times in differlowing list of them with dates: At Philadelphin from Sept. 5, 1774, until December, 1776; at Baltimore from Dec. 20, 1776, to March, 1777; at Philadelphia from March 4, 1777, to September, 1777; at Lancaster, Pa., from Sept. 27, 1777. to Sept. 30, 1777; at York, Pa., from Sept, 30, 1777, to July, 1778; at Philadelphia from July 2, 1778, to June 30, 1783; at Princeton, N. J., from June 30, 1783, to Nov. 20, 1783; at Annapolis from November, 1783; to November, 1784; at Trenton from November, 1784, to January, 1785; at New York from Jan. 11, 1785, to 1790, when the seat of government was changed to Philadelphia, where it rethat brings to mind the price paid for mained uptil 1800, since which time it such a rescue!

Nobody Knows

LESSON VII. FIRST QUARTER, INTER-NATIONAL SERIES, PEB. 18.

Text of the Lesson, Gen. xviii, 22-33-Memory Verses, 23-26-Golden Text. Gen. xviii, 25-Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The text of this lesson and the title, "God's Judgment on Sedem," are somewhat perplexing. The proper text for the title is in the next chapter, and it seems to me that a better title for the text assigned would be "Abraham's Inercession for Sodom." I will not take up the lesson verse by verse, as is my ustem, but taking the topics assigned | doorstep in the evening. will gather some helpful lessons from the whole story in the two chapters xviii and xtx.

XVIII, 1-21. The Lord's visit to Abraam and communion with him. The inident of the visit of the three heavenly nes, Jehovah Himself and two angels to Abraham, his providing food for them and their eating it under the tree s in many respects the only one of the kind in the bible. It is true that in the days of his humiliation after He dined in many homes, and even after His resprection did eat with His disciples Luke xxiv, 42, 43), but before He beame man this is the only instance of such intimate fellowship as a man with man. It reminds us of the felowship that must have been in Eden and suggests to us the coming days when the tabernacle of God shall be with men, and He will dwell with them (Rev. xxi, 3). Bue we have a privilege now, which seems to be enjoyed by very few, of the constant presence and fellowship of the Lord Jesus (Rev. iii, 20; John xiv. 22; 11 Cor. vi. 16). If we would only determine to be wholly His, and only and always His, presenting our bodies unreservedly as a living sacrifice. He would certainly accept and fill these temples for His glory (Rom. xii, !

2). The Lord's question, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do! reminds us that it is written, "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants, the prophets" (Amos til, 7). And His own words in John xv, 15, "I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto show us how intimate He would like to be with us. XVIII, 23-33. Abraham's intercession

r Sodom. The angels have passed on to

Sodom, and we shall meet them in the next section, but now Abraham is alone with the Lord, and feeling his own unworthiness he yet ventures, though he both righteous and wicked all die and are often taken out of this world in the same disaster, cyclone earthquake, shipupright shall have dominion over others in the morning (Ps. xlix, 14). In the truest sense the righteous can never and it is never a dispute. The perish (John iii, 16). The destroying of to which this referred is 1737. verse 23 can only refer to their being cut off in the overthrow of the city. So Abraham pleads for the sake of the righteous whom he hopes are to be found there that the city may be spared. He thinks there may be fifty and asks and receives. Fearing there may not be so many, he comes down to forty-five, then to forty, then thirty and twenty and finally to ten and receives the assurance that if there are ten rightyous men in Sodom the city will be spared. The sequel proves that there was but one righteous man to be found (II Pet. ii, 7, 8), and while he would pass in most of our churches today, perhaps in all, even his own children had not much confidence in him. On the power of intercession consider the pleading of Moses (Num, xiv, 19, 20), and remember that even for such as Lot the little town of Coar was spared (xix, 21). On the other hand, note that wickedness may become so great that the intercession of a Moses r a Samuel may not avail, nor the presence of a Noah, a Daniel or a Job suffice o deliver (Jer. xv. 1; Ezek, xiv. 14, 20). Our Lord Jesus is not represented as interceding for sinners (John xvii, 8), though He, did pray for them at the ross, but He ever liveth to make interession for His own (Heb. vii, 25). Verse 3 says the Lord went His way, and Abraham returned to his place. Separated for a little outwardly, but not in heart, What a word this is in I Thes. iv. 17. which shall be fully true of all believers

oon-"forever with the Lord!" XIX, 12-23. The rescue of Lot. What a contrast between their ready acceptince of Abraham's invitation and the angels' preference of the street to the house of Lot (xix, 1-3)! Is there anything in our hearts or lives or home or business that would make the Lord or the angels desire to stay outside? In verses 12 to 14 consider how inconsistent the life of Lot must have been that his testimony should only cause his children the earnestness of the angels as they take Lot and his wife and daughters by the hand and hasten their escape. In verses 17 to 20 see Lot's perverseness and lingering and evident clinging to Sodom, but he was saved for Abraham's selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle mainstances of the angels as they flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle mainstances are delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle mainstances are the provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. plainly of the coming destruction. We should speak as plainly as the bible does of hell and everlasting punishment, and the lake and fire and brimstone, and the worm that dieth not. The angels worked hard to save a very few, and they but poor specimens. We cannot estimate the value of one soul. If we had only the old testament record, we would not think Lot a righteous man. Therefore judge nothing before the time until

the Lord come (I Cor. iv. 5). XIX, 24-29. The judgment upon Sodm. The Lord Jesus believed that fire and brimstone came from heaven and destroyed Sodom and all her people and that Lot's wife became a pillar of salt Luke xvii, 29, 32). He also believed that there was a deluge in the days of Noah and that Jonah was three days and nights in the belly of a fish (Luke xvii, 27; Math. xii. 40). We should have no fellowship with those who think they are wiser than Jesus and teach that these things are not true (Gal. i, 8, 9; II John ix, 11). In the verses referred to in Luke xvii our Lord plainly teaches that when He shall come back in His glory the condition of affairs on earth shall be about as they were before the deluge and in Sodom. It is also plainly taught that as Noah was safe in the ark before the deluge came, Lot out of Sodom before the fire, Rahab out of Jericho before the destruction, so all true believers shall be with the Lord before He shall be revealed in flaming fire (Isa. xxvi, 20, 21; Luke xxi, 36; Rev. iii, 10). In verses 27-29 consider Abraham dwelling in peace and safety and fellowship with Jehovah at Hebron. Learn now to dwell with God and in God and

to rescue people from it. Very Dense Ignorance.

Mrs. Wayback-'I ain't goin' to stick n the country any longer. If we sell out the farm now, we'll have enough to live on, and then we can move to the city and keep up with the times. I've lived in ignorance an' darkness just as long as I'm goin' to."

have nothing to do with Sodom except

Wayback-"Good What's got into yeh?" "I've got ashamed of myself, that's what. One can't learn anything off here n the wilderness. When we was at the world's fair, I heard some one point out a fine-lookin' man and tell his wife that man was one of the big guns of the literary world, and that he writ fer the

magazines." "What of it?" Why, here you and I has been grovelin' along fer years and years, a-thinkin' that a magazine gun something to shoot with."-N. Y.

FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS.

Where Boys Cannot Whistle. Have you heard that there is a coup-

try in Africa where no one is allowed to whistle after dark? The name of this country if Fez. And in Fez the person who whistles after the shades of night have fallen will very likely be killed. because the people of Fez believe that whistling after dark calls up evil spirits If a whistle is heard on the street of Fez at night, the people jump up out of their beds and run out, armed with guns and knives, to kill the one who is whistling. It is even worse in Fez to whisper at night in the streets, because it is thought that the evil spirit is very near, and that the one who whispers is talking to him.

It cannot be very pleasant to live in the town of Fez, because a boy might without thinking, whistle in the evening and then the consequences would be very bad. Or a girl might whisper to her brother as she is seated on her own

A Word to the Wise.



Good Morning to the Wind. "Good merning, dear old Mr. Wind! You're blowing fresh today. You call the leaves down from the tree And make them dance and play.

"We love to watch the work you do. You're busy all day long. We're very glad to bid you 'Good morning!' in our song."

God's given me to do:

1 bring the raindrops from afar,
And turn the windmills, too.

"I whirl and twirl the snowflakes white fill into drifts they fall, And on the ocean swiftly sail
The merchant's ship so tall."
—Hattle Louise Jerome.

Keeping to the Right. The custom of walking on the right side of the footway originated 150 years ago. "In the last age," says Johnson, when my mother lived in London, there were two sets of people-these who gave the wall and those who took it-the peaceable and the quarrelson

having been in London, my mother asked me whether I was one of those who gave the wall or took it." Now it is fixed that every man keeps to the right or it and it is never a dispute. The period

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is often equivalent to getting ill. If loss of flesh can be arrested and disease baffled the "weak spots" in the system are eradicated.

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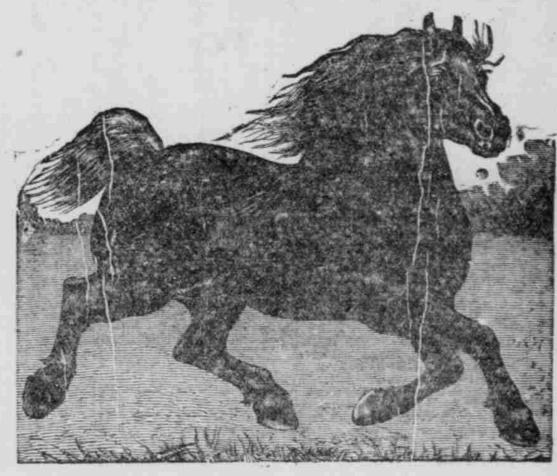
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